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21 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
22 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

23 JENNY LISETTE FLORES; *et al.*,) Case No. CV 85-4544
24)
25 Plaintiffs,) **DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO**
26) **NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR**
v.) **EXTENSION OF SPECIAL**
MASTER/INDEPENDENT MONITOR
WILLIAM P. BARR, Attorney General) **TERM (ECF NO. 673)**
of the United States; *et al.*,)
Defendants.)
_____)

1 On October 5, 2018, the Court ordered the appointment of a Special
2 Master/Independent Monitor (“Monitor”) to oversee Defendants’ compliance with orders
3 of this Court issued on June 27, 2017 and July 30, 2018 (ECF No. 494) (“Monitoring
4 Order”). The Monitoring Order appointed the Monitor for a term of one year, until October
5 17, 2019, and provided for an extension if requested by either party or by the Monitor.
6 Monitoring Order at ¶ 3. On September 16, 2019, the Monitor filed a Notice requesting an
7 extension of her term for a period of six months in light of “pending mediations, other
8 settlement negotiations, and the Monitor’s continuing monitoring efforts” ECF No.
9 673 at 4. The Monitoring Order provides that a party may respond to such Notice within
10 ten (10) days after the Notice’s filing. Monitoring Order at ¶ 3.
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13 It is Defendants’ understanding and belief that the Monitoring Order, and the
14 Monitor’s duties pursuant to that Order, will terminate along with the *Flores* Settlement
15 Agreement itself on October 7, 2019, consistent with the terms of the Agreement as
16 Defendants’ have now published regulations implementing the Agreement. Thus, it is
17 Defendants’ position that no extension of the Monitor’s term is needed. Other than this
18 objection based on the *Flores* Agreement terminating, however, Defendants do not object
19 to the requested six-month extension.
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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 25, 2019, I served the foregoing pleading on all counsel of record by means of the District Clerk's CM/ECF electronic filing system.

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